

MINUTES
NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIAN LICENSING BOARD

November 13, 2003
Room 4A, Heber Wells Building

Convened: 9:08 am

Adjourned: 11:06 am

Division Staff Present:

Division Director
Assistant Division Director
Bureau Manager
Board Secretary

J. Craig Jackson
Laura Poe, RN, MS
Daniel T. Jones
Lee Avery

Members Present:

Todd W. Cameron, ND, Chairperson
Leslie Peterson, ND
Katherine Ruggeri, ND
Suzanne Ferry

Members Absent:

Sandra Thackeray

Guests:

Marietta Bergdorf
Douglass Moore

Minutes of May8, 2003

The Board reviewed the minutes of May 8, 2003. Ms. Peterson motioned to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Ruggeri. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Letter from Mr. Douglas Moore regarding Marietta Bergdorf

Ms. Bergdorf presented herself to the Board with her attorney Mr. Moore. Mr. Moore reviewed with the Board the concern regarding Ms. Bergdorf's denied application for licensure. Mr. Moore reviewed with the Board several points in the Utah statutes which he felt would allow Ms. Bergdorf to obtain a Utah Naturopath license including Utah statute 58-1-302 Licensure by Endorsement: The division may issue a license without examination to a person who has been licensed in any state, district or territory of the United States or in any foreign country, whose education, experience and examination requirements are, or were at the time the license was issued, equal to those of this state.

Before any person may be issued a license under this section, he shall produce satisfactory evidence of his qualifications, identity and good standing in his occupation or profession.

The Board advised Mr. Moore it does not question Ms. Bergdorf's skills or knowledge in this profession. The Board noted the time and hard work Ms. Bergdorf donated in helping to pass the Utah statutes towards the initial licensure requirement of Naturopathic Physicians.

The Board advised Mr. Moore and Ms. Bergdorf the concern is there has been no review of the curriculum taught by Paracelsus by the Council of Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME) as required by Utah statute 58-71-302(1)(d): provide satisfactory documentation of having successfully completed a program of professional education preparing an individual as a naturopathic physician, as evidenced by having received an earned degree of doctor of naturopathic medicine from (i) a naturopathic medical school or college accredited by the Council of Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME) or its successor organization approved by the division; (ii) a naturopathic medical school or college that is a candidate for accreditation by the Council of Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME) or its successor organization, and is approved by the division in collaboration with the board, upon finding there is reasonable expectation the school or college will be accredited or a naturopathic medical school or college will be accredited, or (iii) a naturopathic medical school or college which at the time of the applicant's graduation, met current criteria for accreditation by the Council of Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME) or its successor approved by the Division.

The Board also noted it may be able to use some of Ms. Bergdorf's work experience as a physician assistant as part of the internship requirement for Utah licensure. The Board reviewed with Mr. Moore and Ms. Bergdorf the rules for licensure under the endorsement provision 58-71-302(2) Qualifications for Licensure

- (a) be currently licensed in good standing in another jurisdiction as set forth in Section 58-1-302.
- (b) Document having met all requirements for licensure under Subsection (1) except the clinical experience requirement of Subsection (1)(e)
- (c) Have passed the examination requirements established under Subsection (1)(f) which the applicant has not passed in connection with licensure in another state or jurisdiction;
- (d) Have been actively engaged in the practice as a naturopathic physician for not less than 6,000 hours during the five years immediately preceding the date of the application for licensure in Utah and
- (e) Meet with the Board and representatives of the division, if requested for the purpose of evaluating the applicants qualifications for licensure.

The Board, Mr. Moore and Ms. Poe reviewed the statutes and Mr. Moore's concerns in detail. Ms. Poe stated Ms. Bergdorf had several options at this time.

1. Submit an application and fees, the Division already has her supporting documents. The application be denied and she can then go through the appeal process.

2. Contact CNME regarding a review of Paracelsus, the school she attended in Germany.

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3. Contact CNME and see if they will certify Ms. Bergdorf to take Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Exam (NPLEX)

The Board stated it might be willing to issue Ms. Bergdorf a temporary license, non renewable, for one year, for her to take the exam, once her application and fees are received.
The Board thanked Mr. Moore and Ms. Bergdorf for meeting with it.

Note* The Board again reviewed the statutes and noted Ms. Bergdorf may not be able to apply for licensure by endorsement, it is unknown if she has kept her license active in Germany and if she has not, she does not meet qualifications.

Mr. Jones will write a letter to Mr. Moore and Ms. Bergdorf regarding the above.
Mr. Jones will contact CNME and see if they will certify Ms. Bergdorf to take the NPLEX and will follow up with the results at the next Board meeting.

Fee Increase – Mr. Daniel T. Jones

Mr. Jones advised the Board the Utah State Legislators have increased the fees the Division charges for all of its professions.

Personal Information, Law Change – Mr. Daniel T. Jones

Mr. Jones needs to get with Ms. Peterson for wordage clarification regarding changes in the Utah Laws.

Senate Bill 67 – Mr. Daniel T. Jones

Mr. Jones advised the Board the committee reviewed the Naturopathic practice act and decided to continue regulating this profession.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held May 13, 2004.

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Date Approved

Chairperson, Naturopathic Physician Licensing
Board

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Bureau Manger, Div. Of Occupational &
Professional Licensing